

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 1 of the specification before the section entitled "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" please add a section as follows:

--RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a Divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/911,066, filed on July 23, 2001 which is a Continuation-In-Part of PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/02728, filed April 26, 2000.--

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 9 of the specification with the following paragraph:

--In the fuel cell comprising unit cells in the foregoing structure of this embodiment, the following effects can be obtained. MEA 4 is indirectly supported by a pair of resin films 6 and 7 pressed together through holder 4 5 and spacer sheet 5a. Thus, in the assembling of each unit cell 1, MEA 4 can be easily and exactly aligned under a constant specific pressure, thereby remarkably improving the working efficiency and handling during the unit cell assembling. Furthermore, the desired sealability can be stably maintained even if the durability of the fuel cell is a long time,

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thereby preventing drying of the electrolyte membrane by evaporation of water and assuring a stable power generation efficiency.